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The Appeal Brief filed on August 26, 2009 has been entered.

The Examiner Answer dated 9/20/2007 is still valid and had not been changed.

The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Examiner Amendment:

Appellant identified fewer than all of the rejected claims as being appealed in the status of the claims section of the appeal brief: Claims 19-37 are not contested. Therefore, Under Ex parte Ghuman (Bd. Pat. App. & Int. May 1, 2008) and MPEP § 1215.03, the Office considers this as an authorization to cancel the rejected claims that are not on appeal. Accordingly, the following claims are canceled: 19-37.

Since appealed claim 38 depends on a non-contested and now canceled claim, claim 38 has been rewritten in independent form:

38. A vehicle system controller for a vehicle comprising:

- a vehicle mode control portion;
 - an output torque requestor control portion;
 - a battery management control portion;
 - a driver information control portion;
 - an energy management control portion;
 - a brake system control portion;
 - an engine start/stop control portion;
 - and a torque estimation control portion;
- wherein each control portion may be removed from the controller without disrupting operations of the other control portions.

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